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SUBJ: NIGER FOOD AID SHIPPING SITUATION

FOLLOWING IS FOR POTENTIAL DONORS, OSRO 1927.

A. FOUR THOUSAND TONS FOOD AID FROM FRANCE SCHEDULED
ARRIVE COTONOU THESE DAYS AND SEVEN THOUSAND TONS EEC FOOD
AID ARRIVING JANUARY TO GETHER WITH EXPECTED ARRIVAL COMMERCIAL
GOODS IS ANTICIPATED TO ABSORB TOTAL PORT EVACUATION CAPACITY
OF COTONOU FOR NIGER UNTIL MARCH .

B. DUE TO APAPA PORT CONESTION, SOME SHIPMENTS CONSIGNED
TO NIGERIA ARE BEING OFFLOATED AT COTONOU WHICH IS CONTRIBUTING
TO SLOWDOWN OF EVACUATION RATE TO NIGER. WE UNDERSTAND THAT
HEAVY OCEAN FREIGHT SURCHARGES ARE BEING DEMANDED ON SHIPMENTS
VIA COTONOU.

C. IT IS REPORTED THAT EVACUATIONS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY
FROM LOME TO NIGER AND SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN EVACUATION RATES
CAN BE EXPECTED. HOWEVER NO BOOKINGS OF FOOD AID TO LOME ARE
KNOWN TO OSRO AT PRESENT ALTHOUGH OUR REPORTS INDICATE
LOME COULD EVACUATE UP TO 3,000 TONS MONTHLY.

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D. OSRO WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION FROM
POTENTIAL DONORS OF FOOD AID TO NIGER THAT CAN BE DISSEMINATED
TO ALL DONORS IN THE INTEREST OF HARMONIZING SHIPMENTS TO AVOID
CONGESTION.VOLPE

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